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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 859

Introduced by Assembly Member Nakano

February 20, 2003

An act to add and repeal Section 31221 of the Public Resources Code, relating to oceans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 859, as amended, Nakano. Oceans.

Existing law permits the State Coastal Conservancy to undertake watershed restoration projects and to award grants in order to improve coastal water quality.

This bill would require the conservancy to develop an implementation plan that guides the development, funding, and operation of a network of regional, science-based ocean observing systems for use throughout the state. The bill would require the conservancy to ~~report~~ *submit the implementation plan* to the Governor, the Legislature, and the State Water Resources Control Board ~~on the plan~~ by December 31, 2004.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 31221 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

31221. (a) The conservancy shall develop an implementation plan that guides the development, funding, and operation of a network of regional, science-based ocean observing systems for use throughout the state. The plan shall set forth a flexible strategy for the deployment of the systems, taking into account existing systems and programs, technical readiness, realistic budgetary measures, and related federal programs. The plan shall be based on user needs, including water quality, hazard management, living marine resources, and science, and shall provide a strategy for providing services to users. The strategy shall be developed in ~~coordination with federal ocean observing initiatives, in order to~~ *coordination with existing regional science-based ocean observation collaboratives in this state in conjunction with federal observing initiatives, in order to* ensure that the state system complements national systems.

(b) The conservancy shall ~~report~~ *submit the implementation plan developed under subdivision (a)* to the Governor, the Legislature, and the State Water Resources Control Board by December 31, 2004, ~~on the implementation plan~~.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2005, and as of that date is repealed unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2005, deletes or extends that date.

